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Docket No.: 3193/0E966

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dirk NEUBAUER ET AL.

Serial No: 09/218,761

Confirmation No. 2666

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: TRANSMISSION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF TERMINATION
OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(E)

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Termination of Proceedings Under 37 CFR 1.53(e) mailed August 6, 2001 in the above-identified patent application be withdrawn for the reasons explained below.



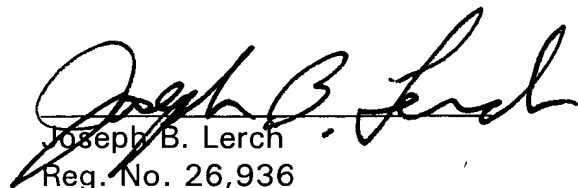
The notice states that the application did not meet the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.53(b), (c), or (d), and that the filing errors specified in the notice mailed were not timely corrected. Neither of these situations is true.

This application, in fact, complies with every requirement of 37 CFR 1.53. The notice referred to simply indicated that the application was filed in a language other than English and gave a period of two months in which to file all of the requirements. However, by the date of the notice (March 1, 2000), the applicant had already filed an English translation. This was, in fact, filed on August 25, 1999, at which time the required surcharge was also paid. Accordingly, the only notice mailed in this application did not indicate anything that was missing and could not be responded to.

To date, the U.S.P.T.O. has still not indicated to the applicant any respect in which the present application is deficient.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that both the notice of termination and the notice to file missing parts be withdrawn and that this application be restored to an active state.

Respectfully submitted,


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09/218,761	12/22/1999	DIRK NEUBAUER	2338/OE966

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CONFIRMATION NO. 2666
ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER



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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(e)

Proceedings on the above-identified application number are **TERMINATED**.

The application did not meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.53(b), (c), or (d) to be entitled to a filing date, and the filing error(s) specified in the Notice mailed on were not timely corrected (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The \$ 1280 fee submitted with the application, less a \$130.00 handling fee, will be refunded or credited to your deposit account.

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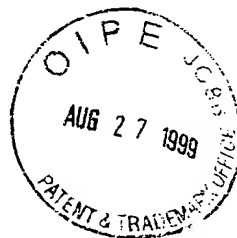
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In re application of: Dirk Neubauer, Dirk Heintzen and Detlef Axmacher

Serial No.: 09/218,761

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Sir:

COMPLETION OF PATENT APPLICATION

The following items are submitted herewith in completion of the above-identified patent application:

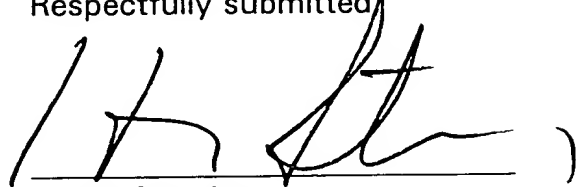
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Dated: August 24, 1999

Respectfully submitted

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Henry Sternberg
Reg. No. 22,408
Attorney for Applicant(s)

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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$760.00
Total Claims	20 - 20	0 - =	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3	0 - =	x \$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		x- if so, add	\$260.00	\$260.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)				\$130.00
SUBTOTAL				\$1,150.00
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Serial No.: 09/218,761

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated January 25, 1999 in the above-identified patent application.

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet been granted:

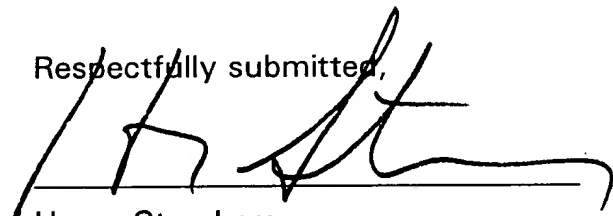
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Dated: August 24, 1999

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application
Erklärung Für Patentanmeldungen Mit Vollmacht
German Language Declaration

Als nachstehend benannter Erfinder erkläre ich hiermit an Eides Statt:

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(zutreffendes ankreuzen)

☐ hier beigelegt ist.

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eingereicht wurde und am
abgeändert wurde (falls tatsächlich abgeändert).

Ich bestätige hiermit, dass ich den Inhalt der obigen Patentanmeldung einschliesslich der Ansprüche durchgesehen und verstanden habe, die eventuell durch einen Zusatzantrag wie oben erwähnt abgeändert wurde; dass der Inhalt derselben nach meinem besten Wissen und Glauben noch nie für meiner oder unserer Erfindung ihres Gegenstandes in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika bekannt war oder benutzt oder patentiert oder vor meiner oder unserer Erfindung oder vor mehr als einem Jahr vor dem Tag dieser Anmeldung in irgendeinem Land in irgendwelchen gedruckten Veröffentlichungen beschrieben wurde; dass dieselbe vor mehr als einem Jahr vor dem Tag ihrer Anmeldung in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika weder in öffentlichem Gebrauch war noch zum Verkauf angeboten wurde; dass diese Erfindung vor dem Tag ihrer Anmeldung in keinem ausländischen Land ausserhalb der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika patentiert wurde oder der Gegenstand einer Erfinder-Urkunde in einer Patentanmeldung war, die von mir oder von meinen gesetzlichen Vertretern oder Rechtsnachfolgern vor mehr als zwölf Monaten vor dem Tag dieser Anmeldung hinterlegt wurde.

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the specification of which

(check one)

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☒ was filed on December 22, 1998 as

Application Serial No. 09/218,761

and was amended on
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof; that I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

GERMAN LANGUAGE DECLARATION

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

Ich beanspruche hiermit ausländische Prioritätsvorteile gemäss Abschnitt 35 der Zivilprozessordnung der Vereinigten Staaten, Paragraph 119 aller unten angegebenen Auslandsanmeldungen für ein Patent oder eine Erfindersurkunde, und habe auch alle Auslandsanmeldungen für ein Patent oder eine Erfindersurkunde nachstehend gekennzeichnet, die ein Anmeldedatum haben, das vor dem Anmeldedatum der Anmeldung liegt, für die Priorität beansprucht wird.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior foreign applications
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. *(list name and registration number)*

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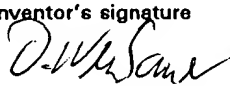
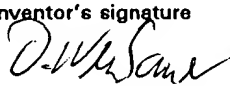

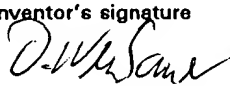
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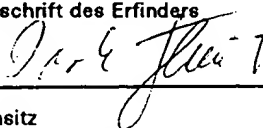
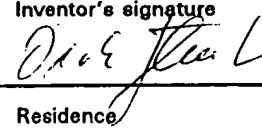
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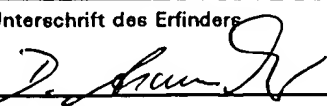
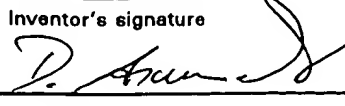
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(Supply similar information and signature for third and subsequent joint inventors.)

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